

Senate Resolution 5 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

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1 A Resolution calling on the federal government to
2 investigate the origins of the SARS-CoV-2 virus,
3 including whether it was in any way related to
4 taxpayer-funded gain-of-function animal experiments
5 being performed at the Wuhan Institute of Virology.
6 WHEREAS, the citizens of the state of Iowa have
7 a right to know if wasteful government spending on
8 taxpayer-funded experiments on bats and humanized mice
9 caused the death of over 1 million Americans and over
10 6.6 million people worldwide; and
11 WHEREAS, Congress has a duty to the citizens of the
12 state of Iowa to promote the general welfare and the
13 President of the United States has a duty to ensure
14 that the laws of the United States be faithfully
15 executed; and
16 WHEREAS, it is well documented that pathogens
17 contained in highly secure laboratories around
18 the world, including SARS viruses in China, have
19 breached containment with deadly consequences on many
20 occasions; and
21 WHEREAS, the United States National Institutes
22 of Health has confirmed that between 2014 and 2019
23 it sent approximately \$600,000 of taxpayers' money
24 to the Wuhan Institute of Virology to collect
25 coronaviruses from wild bats and manipulate them in
26 animal experiments; and
27 WHEREAS, the United States Department of State
28 expressed concern in 2018 about safety lapses at the

1 Wuhan Institute of Virology and the pandemic threat
2 posed by its bat coronavirus experiments; and

3 WHEREAS, the United States National Institutes of
4 Health has confirmed that it funded gain-of-function
5 animal experiments at the Wuhan Institute of Virology
6 that engineered bat coronaviruses to be as much
7 as 10,000 times more virulent than their natural
8 counterparts; and

9 WHEREAS, a United States senate committee on health,
10 education, labor, and pensions report has determined
11 that "the emergence of SARS-CoV-2 that resulted in
12 the COVID-19 pandemic was most likely the result of a
13 research-related incident"; and

14 WHEREAS, in its 2022 Annual Threat Assessment,
15 the Office of the Director of National Intelligence
16 declared, "one intelligence community element assesses
17 with moderate confidence that the first human infection
18 with SARS-CoV-2 most likely was the result of a
19 laboratory-associated incident, probably involving
20 experimentation, animal handling, or sampling by the
21 Wuhan Institute of Virology"; and

22 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy
23 which supervises respected national laboratories,
24 some of which employ experts in the field of advanced
25 biological experimentation, recently assessed that the
26 SARS-CoV-2 virus most likely arose from a laboratory
27 leak; and

28 WHEREAS, a growing majority of the American public
29 believes that the COVID-19 pandemic was caused by a lab
30 leak; NOW THEREFORE,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
2 demands that the federal government conduct an unbiased
3 and comprehensive investigation of the origins of the
4 SARS-CoV-2 virus, including whether it resulted from a
5 lab leak in Wuhan; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate demands that
7 the federal government ensures that the investigation
8 is conducted without influence by the government
9 agencies and personnel involved in funding this
10 research; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate demands that
12 the federal government issue a final report summarizing
13 the findings of the investigation, without redaction,
14 and make the report available to the citizens of the
15 state of Iowa in its entirety.